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In re application of:

Makoto FUJINO

Application No. 10/712,402

Filed: November 12, 2003

For: AUTOMATIC IMAGE QUALITY  
ADJUSTMENT ACCORDING TO  
BRIGHTNESS OF SUBJECT

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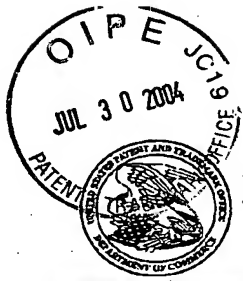
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Respectfully submitted,  
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## Applicant(s)

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- Patent Application Transmittal (2 pages)
- 43 pages of specification and claims, 1 page of abstract (in Japanese)
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Sir: This is a request for filing a patent application under 37 CFR § 1.53(b) in the name of inventor:  
**Makoto Fujino**

For: **AUTOMATIC IMAGE QUALITY ADJUSTMENT ACCORDING TO LIGHTNESS  
OF SUBJECT**

This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 from Japanese Application No. 2002-332352,  
filed on November 15, 2002.

Application Elements:

- ☒ 44 Pages of Specification, Claims, and Abstract (in Japanese)  
☒ 22 Sheets of Drawings (formal, in Japanese)  
☐ Pages of Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney

Accompanying Application Parts:

- ☐ Assignment and Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet  
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